

RECOGNIZING DEAN BYRD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mrs. Dean Byrd of St. Joseph, Missouri. As a long time citizen of St. Joseph, Mrs. Byrd will be celebrating her 80th birthday. She has seen many events over the past 80 years and awoke each day with a strong sense of family and community that improved the lives of everyone she has touched. Her life should be celebrated with the same joy and excitement in which she gives back to our community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Mrs. Dean Byrd. Throughout her 80 years, she has always given back more than was expected of her. Her life is an inspiration to many and I am proud to serve her in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARY CAMPBELL CENTER
HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Mary Campbell Center, a facility serving disabled people in Delaware. The Mary Campbell Center has been home to thousands of people, some of who have lived there since the 1976 opening. Whether the residents of the Center have been there for a long or short time, they share in their daily lives of eating, learning, working, exercising, and playing with each other, the staff, and friends.

The Center is located on ten acres in Wilmington, Delaware. Amos and Mary Talley Campbell originally owned the property and lived there with their daughter, Evelyn, who was born with Down's Syndrome. Upon Mrs. Campbell's death, Mr. Campbell donated the land so that a long-term-care facility for Evelyn, and other people with disabilities, could be built in his wife's honor. Helping these individuals achieve a higher quality of life remains the main purpose of the Center.

Since its inception, the Center, home to 65 residents, has grown in many ways. What began as one building, now is a state-of-the-art facility with an indoor swimming pool, learning center, greenhouse, and an adaptive playground. These facilities help residents accomplish their dreams and keep in touch with family and friends.

I congratulate and thank those at the Mary Campbell Center for all they have contributed to the State of Delaware. Many disabled Delawareans and their families are grateful for them and I am pleased to be able to vocalize their appreciation. Thank you to those who have made the Mary Campbell Center what it is today and to those who will carry on this tradition into the future.

HONORING EVERETT ROBERTS

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Everett Roberts from my home town of Chattanooga, TN, for his unending efforts on behalf of the Girl Scouts of Moccasin Bend Council, who, on Sunday May 21st, will be dedicating their building on Dayton Boulevard to him for his years of tireless service and devotion.

Everett has served on the Board of the Moccasin Bend Council for almost 40 years as a member and chairman, and has been a vital asset to the Council's growth and success.

As the first male president of the Council in 1972, he is described by both friends and colleagues as a very special person who dedicates all of his energy to the improvement of the world around him.

Everett has been instrumental in developing Camp Adahi, the Girl Scout resident camp on Lookout Mountain in Georgia to provide outdoor programs for tens of thousands of girls, and his selfless commitment to the Girl Scouts serves as just one example of his vigorous dedication to the people and city he loves.

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Everett Roberts for all he has done and continues to do for both the Girl Scouts of Moccasin Bend and the overall community in Chattanooga. He serves as a shining example of integrity, loyalty and leadership and I am proud to stand here on his behalf today.

TRIBUTE TO THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOWNERS GROVE BOY SCOUT TROOP 89
HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the members of Downers Grove Boy Scout Troop 89 in celebration of their 50th anniversary.

Since 1956, the Scouts of Troop 89 have acted as role models for the youth of our community. By teaching values like loyalty, kindness and thrift, the Scout program has given generations of our sons and grandsons the foundation they will need to live honorable and successful lives.

Both my husband and my son were Boy Scouts, so I know firsthand what a positive force Scouting can be. Scouts make outstanding leaders and volunteers who give of themselves to make communities like Downers Grove a better place in which to live.

So congratulations to the members of Troop 89—past, present, and future. After 50 years, you continue to make us all very proud. And thank you to the families and friends of these Scouts who have supported them over the years. Without you, we could not have hoped to celebrate this momentous anniversary.

RECOGNIZING PAUL A. WHITE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Paul A. White of the Mid-Continent Public Library in Independence, Missouri. Mr. White is retiring after 45 years of service to Missouri's public libraries.

Paul began his service as a Branch Assistant in the Kansas City Public Library in 1961. Over the next 45 years, Paul would make stops in the Missouri State Library, Springfield-Greene County Library, and the Kinderhook Regional Library before settling in the Mid-Continent Public Library in 1988.

Beyond his official responsibilities, Paul participates in the American Library Association serving as the Missouri Chapter Councilor, on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the Committee on Organization. He also participates in the Missouri Library Association where he has served as treasurer, secretary, vice president, and president. Paul is currently serving on the Missouri Library Network Corporation and various Missouri Library Association Committees.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Paul A. White, an outstanding Missourian. His service to the community and dedication to Missouri's Public Libraries is greatly appreciated. He will certainly be missed and I would like to ask the House of Representatives to join me in thanking him for all of his hard work and dedication over the years. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress.

IN HONOR OF AUXILIARY BISHOP RICHARD LENNON
HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor and recognize Auxiliary Bishop Richard Lennon and warmly welcome him to Cleveland. Today, Auxiliary Bishop Lennon will be installed as the 10th Bishop of Cleveland.

Born on March 26, 1947, in Arlington, Massachusetts, Auxiliary Bishop Lennon attended high school and undergraduate college in Massachusetts before receiving a Masters of Theology degree in Sacramental Theology from St. John's Seminary in 1973. That same year, a age 26, he was ordained a priest.

During his distinguished career with the church, Auxiliary Bishop Lennon has served as parochial vicar of St. Mary of the Nativity Church in Scituate, Massachusetts and held the same position at St. Mary Church in West Quincy, Massachusetts. In 1988, he was named assistant for canonical affairs at the Archdiocese of Boston. Auxiliary Bishop Lennon was ordained Auxiliary Bishop at the Boston Archdiocese in 2001, and went on to become apostolic administrator in 2002. In 2003, he became vicar general and moderator of the curia at the Boston Archdiocese in 2003.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor and distinct pleasure, to welcome Auxiliary Bishop Lennon

to Cleveland. He has dedicated himself to our church, and to the betterment of all mankind. His distinguished record of service speaks volumes, and I look forward to working with him to strengthen our community.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring Auxiliary Bishop Lennon and welcoming him to Cleveland as our community's 10th Bishop. Today is a great day for the Catholic Church and the Cleveland community. Auxiliary Bishop Lennon brings a wealth of experience and knowledge, and I ask my Colleagues to join me in sharing in this tremendous day.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF JENNY
CHANG

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a former staffer, a friend and an inspiration, Jenny Chang.

When Jenny came to work in my office in 2003, she had already been through one round with a formidable opponent, breast cancer. But you certainly couldn't tell. She brought an energy and positivity rarely seen, and none of us will ever forget her laugh.

I admire leaders, and Jenny Chang was a leader. Jenny was student body president and president of her senior class at North Carolina State University—she was the first woman of Asian descent to hold that position. Through her battle with a terrible disease, Jenny reached out to fellow cancer sufferers and survivors and used her position on Capitol Hill to make a difference. Despite her illness, she worked on my colleague DAVID PRICE's campaign and in his Congressional office, making scores of new friends and admirers at each stop.

And for 8 months, she was the soul of my office, always showing how things can be done and how problems can be solved.

It saddened us all when Jenny's cancer returned and she had to take leave of my office and Capitol Hill.

Mr. Speaker, Jenny Chang passed away on April 29. We should all be so lucky to work with such a terrific soul as Jenny Chang. She did many great things in her short time with us. And what she left us—the memory of her smile, her spirit and her strength—is so much more than any of us could ever give her.

Sometime God takes the best of us far sooner than we want. I thank God for giving us our time with Jenny and I wish her family and friends my deepest condolences.

RECOGNIZING SHARON KOSEK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sharon Kosek of St. Joseph, Missouri. After long tenure in the St. Joseph, Missouri School District, Sharon will be retiring. Sharon has taught in the St. Joseph School District for the past 23 years and has recently

been named the Association for Career and Technical Education Outstanding Teacher in Community Service. She has been a model of strong service and civic leadership.

Sharon has served as the Business Coordinator and Administrative Office Systems instructor at the Hillyard Technical Center, as well as the advisor for the Phi Beta Lambda adult business student organization. Outside of the classroom, Sharon has remained active in the ACTE, Missouri ACTE, National Business Education Association, and as the Legislative Chairperson for the St. Joseph Parent Teacher Association.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Sharon Kosek. Her commitments to excellence in education and community service have remained as an inspiration to all of those people around her. She will certainly be missed and I would like to ask the House of Representatives to join me in thanking her for all of her hard work and dedication over the years. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING KENT STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT CAROL A. CARTWRIGHT FOR 15 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OHIO EDUCATION

HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carol A. Cartwright, President of Kent State University, for 15 remarkable years of academic, community and national leadership. It has been my genuine pleasure to work with her on a range of priorities in northeast Ohio, including education and learning, economic development, healthcare and research.

Kent State has eight campuses, including the Stark campus in my District, with more than 34,000 students seeking from 2-year to Ph.D. degrees. Its leader must be a great communicator, able to multi-task and an innovative thinker in her approach to getting the job done. Carol Cartwright does that every day with a smile and a quick wit, as well as considerable knowledge and experience.

Throughout her career, Dr. Cartwright has been a role model for women in higher education and every walk of life. After working as a teacher, university professor, pioneering researcher in the field of special education and as a university executive officer, she made history in 1991 when she became Kent State University's first woman president and the first woman president of a public university in Ohio. From the outset of her presidency, she has been an active advocate of professional-development and personal-growth initiatives for women. In her first year of eligibility, she was elected to the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame.

She was also a member of the committee that worked with my wife, Mary, to bring the long-overdue idea of a National First Ladies Library to life, and Carol continues to serve on the Library's national board. She also serves on the American Council on Education Commission on Women in Higher Education and the board of directors of National Public Radio.

Carol has a clear commitment to all students, and she has been instrumental in build-

ing one of the finest programs in the nation to help GED candidates advance to pursue college degrees. I look forward every year to attending the graduation ceremony to hear wonderful success stories and to learn of students' academic achievements—thanks to the GED Scholars Initiative at Kent State.

On October 5, 2005, Dr. Cartwright, Kent State University's 10th president, announced her decision to step down from the leadership position she has held since 1991. She will retire from the presidency upon the arrival of her successor. I want to congratulate her on a tremendous job and wish Carol and her husband, Phil, health and happiness in the future.

VALLEY FEVER VACCINE
DEVELOPMENT ACT

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the Valley Fever Vaccine Development Act, which I introduced today.

Valley Fever or coccidioidomycosis is a serious human disease caused by the inhalation of a soil-borne fungus, *Coccidioides*, and particularly impacts public health in the southwestern United States, specifically California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Texas. According to researchers involved in the Valley Fever Vaccine Project, each year an estimated 130,000 people nationwide are exposed to Valley Fever and there are about 5,000 cases. Of those cases, between 2,500 and 5,000 are serious and about 500 people die from Valley Fever. The disease is especially prevalent in Kern County, California, which I represent; 1,540 cases were reported in 2004, which was an increase of 1,137 from the 403 cases reported in 2000. Similar increases have been reported in Arizona, where some anticipate the number of cases this year will exceed 4,000. Moreover, 46 Kern County residents died from Valley Fever from 2000 to 2004.

Valley Fever particularly affects those with impaired or less developed immune systems, including children and the elderly. The disease has a high incidence among minority populations as well as among those who work outside in occupations such as construction, agriculture, mining, energy, and the military. In addition, the disease also impacts those who engage in outdoor recreational activities, such as biking, golf, hiking, jogging, motorcycling, rock collecting, and tennis.

The drugs currently used to treat Valley Fever are often ineffective and the average hospitalization charges for the seriously ill exceed \$30,000. Accordingly, a preventative vaccine is desperately needed. Unfortunately, there currently is no vaccine for Valley Fever and there is no private industry interest in making the investment, estimated to be about \$40 million, needed for the development of the vaccine.

However, nonprofit organizations have sponsored exploratory research conducted by the Valley Fever Vaccine Project and their efforts have resulted in the identification of candidate vaccines for pharmaceutical development. While I greatly appreciate the \$930,000 that has been provided through the federal appropriations process since Fiscal Year 2003